

## CHAPTER 20.5-02-02 CODE OF ETHICS

### Section

20.5-02-02-01 Code of Ethics

20.5-02-02-02 Unacceptable Professional Conduct

**20.5-02-02-01. Code of ethics.** The board has adopted and incorporated into these rules by reference, the code of ethics for the profession of dietetics and review process for alleged violations of the American dietetic association, as revised June 1, 1999.

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**20.5-02-02-02. Unacceptable professional conduct.** The following constitute unacceptable professional conduct by a licensed registered dietitian or nutritionist and shall subject such licensee or potential licensee to sanction:

1. Taking financial advantage of a client, or using one's position within an agency to enhance one's private practice or the private practice of others for personal gain.
2. Entering into any illegal acts with a client.
3. Participating in, condoning, or being an accessory to dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in the practice of dietetics.
4. Not providing clients with accurate and complete information regarding the extent and nature of the services available to them.
5. Convicted of a criminal act which affects the practice of the profession. (North Dakota Century Code section 12.1-33-02.1).
6. Violating any federal or state confidentiality client care regulation statutes.
7. Violating any federal or state discrimination statutes or regulations.
8. Refusal to seek adequate and appropriate treatment for any illness or disorder which interferes with professional functioning or ability to perform the basic expected functions, or both, of a dietitian or a nutritionist.
9. Using misrepresentation in the procurement of licensing as a dietitian or nutritionist or knowingly assisting another in the procurement of licensing through misrepresentation. Misrepresentation of professional

qualifications, certifications, accreditations, affiliation, and employment experiences.

10. Failure to report through the proper channels the incompetent, unethical, or illegal practice of any licensed dietitian or nutritionist who is providing such service.
11. Participating in activities that constitute a conflict of professional interest and adversely affect the licensee's ability to provide dietetic services.
12. Violating any of the principles of ethics as listed in the code of ethics for the profession of dietetics and review process for alleged violations of the American dietetic association as revised June 1, 1999.
13. Providing any inaccurate, misleading, or false information to the board regarding a licensure action.
14. Providing inaccurate or incompetent services to a client which present a risk of harm to the client, even if harm does not actually occur.

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